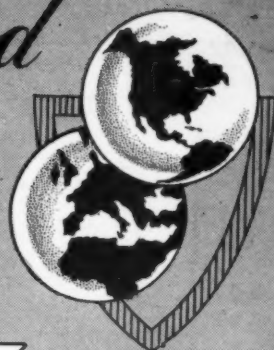
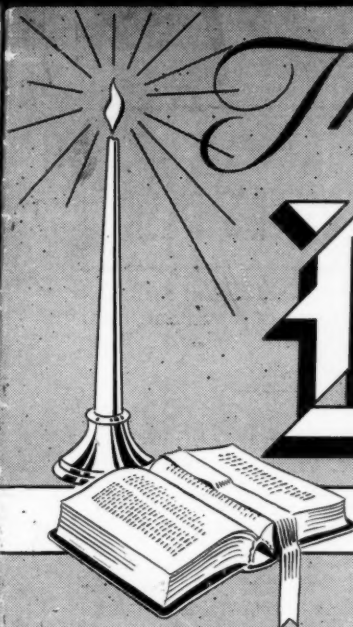


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CHURCH OF GOD COLORED WORK

W. L. Ford, Overseer

This is to signify that the Annual Bishops' Council (colored) is scheduled for May 8-11. All councilmen are required to meet at the Church of God Auditorium, corner of Steele and Blue Streets, Jacksonville, Florida, at 1 p.m., Thursday, May 8, for the opening session.

The 23d Annual Assembly (colored) will convene at the Church of God Auditorium, corner Steele and Blue Streets, Jacksonville, Florida, May 11-18, 1947, inclusive. The Sunday School and Young People's Activities Convention will be held in joint session with the 23d Annual Assembly. Prayer and Fast Days are May 4 and 5, Sunday and Monday, until 3 p.m. Let us give ourselves over to the dear Lord in sincere prayer and fasting, watching thereunto with joy, expecting God to grant unto us a most glorious occasion. We are expecting a very large delegation this year, and a glorious time in the Lord. Come and let us serve the Lord with gladness. **EVERYBODY WELCOME!**



**from the
GENERAL OVERSEER'S DESK**

A LETTER FROM LOUISIANA

"Our first district convention was held at Kentwood, La. The spirit of the convention was unexcelled, the cooperation was splendid, and our total mission offering exceeded that of last year.

"Several good revivals are in progress in the state, and others planned to begin shortly. Some of our pastors who have had trouble having revivals are reporting the best revival spirit prevailing in their churches in months.

"Brother Horace Taylor and the Monroe church have been having services in their nice concrete block and brick-veneer building for several months now. Brother McManus and the New Orleans people will soon be in their new building, which will be a real asset to the work there. Brother Fowler, pastor of the Shreveport church, is just about ready to move into a neat new parsonage. Brother Gay and the Sharp's Chapel people have been working hard toward the completion of a fine concrete block, stucco and plaster job in a six-room parsonage. Brother Cudd and the small membership of the Baton Rouge church are doing a splendid job toward the completion of the church building.

"Perhaps this would not mean so much in some of our stronger states,

but, I feel, it at least speaks for progress in the State of Louisiana. Sincerely your brother, John L. Byrd, Overseer of Louisiana."

A TELEGRAM FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

"Revival at Church of God, Slater, South Carolina. Thirty-seven saved, twenty-eight sanctified, twenty-five filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-four added to the Church, with Evangelist C. H. Hester, of Greenville, South Carolina.—A. L. Hayden, Clerk."

FROM CALIFORNIA

Sometime ago, I received a letter from Rev. J. H. Hughes, overseer of California, and near the end of one of the nice long paragraphs was this bit of choice information:

"I have received thirty into the Church in the last two weeks, set two churches in order, and have our new church here in Pasadena to be set in order within the next few days. We have just recently purchased a nice parsonage and church building here in Pasadena. This will, of course, be our state headquarters' church."

Since that time, the General Secretary has received the notice that this church has been set in order, making three within a very short time.

NOTICES

The North Carolina Youth Congress will convene at the Church of God in Kannapolis, May 7-9, beginning at 7 p.m. the 7th. — G. E. Weatherby, Chairman, Publicity Committee.

To all pastors desiring an evangelist for revivals: I have been a licensed minister in The Church of God since 1918. I am now ready for revival work. I have a public-address system and trailer; also a small organ.—Marvin H. White, 617 South Walnut, Cookeville, Tenn.

FOR SALE—40x60 gospel tent, in good condition, with two poles and stakes. Will sell for balance due on the tent now—\$281 cash.—Rev. H. C. Gogins, District Overseer, Phone 90-J, Box 193, Geneva, Ala.

COVER PICTURE

The Hemphill Avenue Church of God is located in one of the largest cities of the South, the population of which is half a million people. The general public of Atlanta believes that, counting the people who enter our church over a period of twelve months, this church has the greatest attendance of any church in this large city. The auditorium seats approximately one thousand. There are eleven Sunday School rooms in the church plant, and men's and women's rest rooms and lounge. It has one of the nicest pastors' studies I have ever witnessed. At present our Sunday School runs from 350 to 450. We are now in the midst of a building program for a new Sunday School department to the church. This new building (Continued on page 11)

Rapture of the Church and Saints

By LEWIS ARROWOOD

The word "rapture" means to transport, or to take out. 1 Thess. 4:15, "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep."

1 Thess. 4:16, 17, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

2 Thess. 2:1, "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him."

The transporting of the Church does not mean the second coming of our Lord to earth. At the rapture, He does not come to the earth. We meet Him in the air, and the gathering together unto Him in the air should never be called the second coming of Christ. The purpose of the rapture is to receive unto Himself those who know Him. Eph. 5:27, "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

We often hear people ask, "Who will go up in the rapture?" Let the Bible answer the question. 1 Cor. 15:23, "But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." You must be in Christ to meet Him in the air, 1 Thess. 4:16; be walking in the light, 1 John 1:7; be in the body of Christ, 1 Cor. 12:13. Eph. 1:22, 23, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."



Christ said very little about the rapture. John 14:1-3, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Paul, in his day, was looking for the rapture. "We ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of the body.... For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven.... For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour... we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord.... When Christ, who is our life, shall appear... Looking for the blessed hope," Rom. 8:23; 2 Cor. 5:2; Phil. 3:20; 1 Thess. 4:15; Col. 3:4; Titus 2:13.

2 Thess. 2:1-9, "Now we beseech

you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders."

The antichrist cannot reveal himself until the Church is raptured, because the Church hinders his revealing himself. The word "he" in 2 Thess. 2:7 is the Church. It is not the governments of our good nations, that is keeping the antichrist from working; it is the believers in Christ. So it will pay us to be in Christ at all times, and meet Him in the air. Amen.

Charity . . .

... Continued ...
By Rev. D. H. Delk

I don't feel as if I am making a hobby out of this subject, for I have not been repeating much on this yet. But if anyone wanted to make a hobby, I think to live, use, eat and drink charity would be a good one.

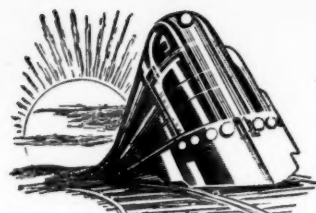
Next, "Charity rejoiceth not in iniquity." This means that anything cheap, common, dirty, filthy or sinful doesn't please Charity. Charity never has to spend a little pastime telling a smutty joke, neither does it have a giggle or a horse laugh ready for a dirty joke. Charity will make you love good jokes and hate evil ones. I think a preacher who is filled with charity will be attractive. He can make folk laugh and make folk cry all in the same sermon (and not take an hour and a half either). Charity

elevates us to a high standard, above cheap and common things that defile. Charity will bridle our tongues, and wash our mouths, salt our words and make them sweet, appropriate, and edifying.

Charity will not rejoice in iniquity, but will rejoice in the truth. Sometimes folk go all to pieces because (they say) So and So has told a lie on them. Well, if it is a lie, why get so nervous? A lie is like trash burning. It may roar for a minute but it is soon dead. It is the truth that is feared. It cannot be destroyed. It cannot be forever kept down. It is said, in London where the great bomb-wrecked buildings were, new flowers have sprung up, evidently from seed (Continued on page 15)

BIBLE GLINTS *and* Late Events

BY THE EDITOR



THE HOLY GHOST—A PERSON

1. HE MAY BE:

Grieved	Ephesians 4:30
Vexed	Isaiah 63:10
Resisted	Acts 7:51
Blasphemed	Matthew 12:31
He regenerates	John 3:5
He quickens	John 6:63
He teaches	John 14:26
He sanctifies	1 Corinthians 6:11
He helps	Romans 8:26
He reproves	John 16:8
He knows	1 Corinthians 2:11
He imparts gifts	1 Corinthians 12:8-11
He guides	John 16:3
He bestows power	Acts 1:8
He loves	Romans 15:30
He speaks	Acts 13:2
He testifies	John 15:26
He intercedes	Romans 8:26

DIVINE PARADOXES

We are impressed with the fact that He who was the Bread of Life began His ministry by hungering, and He who was the Water of Life ended His ministry by thirsting.

Gregory of Nazianzus has beautifully developed this idea in these words:

Christ hungered as man, and fed the hungry as God;
He was hungry as man, and yet He is the Bread of Life;
He was athirst as man, and yet He says, "Let him that is athirst come unto me and drink";

He was weary, and yet He is our rest;
He pays tribute, and yet He is a King;
He is called a devil, and cast out devils;
He prays, and yet hears prayer;

He is sold for thirty pieces of silver, and redeems the world;
He is "led as a sheep to the slaughter," and is the Good Shepherd;

He is mute like a sheep, and yet He is the Everlasting Word.—*Missionary Digest.*

A LINCOLN MOTTO

(Only 2 of the 54 words have more than one syllable.)

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true.

I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have.

I must stand with anybody that stands right; stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.

THE SET OF THE SAIL

One ship sails east and another sails west,

While the very same breezes blow.

It's the set of the sail and not the gale

That determines the way they go.

If a husband's words are sharp maybe it's only because he is trying to get them in edgewise.

N.A.E. ANNUAL CONVENTION, Omaha, Nebraska, April 14-17

All roads lead to Omaha Convention. There is prospect of a fine attendance and a great deal of constructive action.

The National Association of Evangelicals is making splendid progress. You will please pray that God will especially meet with us and help us solve the many problems confronting us in wisely planning the future accomplishments.

Numbers of our brethren will be present for this meeting. Those I understand who are scheduled to attend are: Rev. H. L. Chesser, Assistant General Overseer; Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield, Executive Missions Secretary; Rev. Ralph E. Williams, National Youth Director; Rev. E. C. Clark, Business Manager; C. M. Truesdell, Associate Editor, Sunday School, Missions, and Youth Literature; Prof. Otis L. McCoy, Music Editor; Rev. E. L. Simmons, President, Bible Training School and College; Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, Overseer of South Carolina; Rev. Paul H. Walker, Overseer of West Virginia, and your Editor. Most of these are planning to go by automobile, from Headquarters.

90 EVANGEL SUBSCRIPTIONS — CONGRATULATIONS!

To Rev. V. W. Thomas, who has just sent us his check in the amount of \$135 for ninety subscriptions to the Evangel. May God bless you abundantly.

RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING

In recent years, religious broadcasting has come into ill repute with many radio station operators. The complaint generally is, our programs are inferior, and some, we admit, are not so good, but in comparison with various programs we hear throughout the country, I'm sure religious programs certainly are on par and have a definite lead on hundreds of other programs.

The radio stations secure their license to operate from the Federal Communications Commission, to which they agree to "operate in the public interest, convenience, or necessity," therefore the stations will not come out openly and oppose the churches, but too often there is pressure and plenty of it from the high-powered liquor industries who threaten to withdraw their advertising, if certain types of programs are not discontinued. The pressure groups generally approach the management in the "interest of better programming." More and more religious programs are cancelled here and there.

We need definite planning of better programs and better co-operation among the different churches so that we can stand together.

"We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."—*Benjamin Franklin.*

Hitler's method was to divide, then conquer.

The radio ministry is a great and important work. We should remember that Jesus said, "Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves"; and at every opportunity preach the gospel over every little station available.

God's Healing Christ for this Sin-Sick World

By R. R. Seyda

Luke 8:43-48.

This world today is sick, like the woman in the Scripture mentioned above, and this world is doing much the same thing, spending all on many physicians; namely, Dr. Atlantic Charter, Dr. United Nations' Meeting, Dr. Big Four Ministers' Meeting, and, like the woman of our Scripture, this world is rather growing worse.

Today, many of our great leaders in world affairs are making it plain that the world is very sick and in a bad condition. The trouble spots in the world are too many to mention. Now, before the grass has turned green over the mounds of the war dead, we hear them talking of trouble all over the world — war in Palestine, starvation in Greece, communistic expansion in Europe, strikes in America, gem thieves in England, communism in China, atheism in New York, gangsterism in Chicago, shame in Hollywood, and war in South America. No wonder, as I heard our news reporter say the other day, that one of our congressmen cried out and said, "This world is full of hell!" Yes, Miss World, and more hell ahead! No wonder, with no prayer in the opening of such an important meeting as the one forming the Atlantic Charter! "No, no Christ," Russia objected. Uncle Sam gave in and we have the result today—a sin-sick world growing worse.

But, let us look at our scripture, Luke 8:43-48. This woman did just this when she had heard of Jesus, Mark 5:27-29, "Came in the press behind, and TOUCHED his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I SHALL be WHOLE. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her plague." Oh, the healing Christ for this world today! Oh, that this world would do likewise and be healed of all her ills!

What the world needs today is Jesus. What Europe needs is Jesus, but it is also our need here in our own country; we need to turn to Jesus.

Like it was for the woman in the Scripture, it may not be easy. There were so many in her way, the people thronged Him, she was weak, but she had tried everything else, and yet

there had been no cure. And there is no cure for this world except Jesus. This woman was convinced she had an incurable issue and yet she had faith that if only she might touch His garment she would be made whole. As she was healed, so can you be healed of your sin-sick life, as well as your body.

DOUBLE CURE FOR DOUBLE CURSE

A great healing occurred in John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. Our oldest son took sick at midnight one Saturday night and for thirteen hours suffered untold pain. We had gotten up early, praying much, but he got no better. He had such a severe pain in his right side that he could not sleep, lie in the bed, sit up, or walk without severe suffering. I said, "Do you want to trust the Lord, have a doctor, or go to one?" He said he desired to go to a doctor, so we went. We stopped a cab and went to the big John Hopkins Hospital. After paying for an examination, my boy was hurried to a room and made ready for the doctor. While I sat by his bedside, the devil fought me, telling me of the big bill this would bring me, a penniless preacher. I said, "O.K., devil, let it come. I have gone my limit, let it come." Upon that thought, my boy said to me, "Daddy, Jesus healed me." Praise God, it was so! Right there in that big hospital, God's Christ healed, and up to this day that healing holds good.

There is the greater healing that our Christ can do—the healing of your broken life. Have you been bitten by the serpent of sin, and is your spiritual lifeblood poisoned beyond cure? Have you also tried everything and, like the woman, are no better but all the worse? Then COME TO JESUS. Come just like you are. Come believing. Come receiving Jesus Christ as God's answer to your ills.

AND HE WILL HEAL

Has life lost its meaning and purpose to you? Have you the issue of sin in your life, and has your resolve and reform failed you? Is the issue of sin one of stanch in your life? Then come to God's Christ—God's healing Christ. He has a sure cure for you. He that cometh to Him He will in nowise turn

away. Come with all your soul's need; bring yourself to Him; lay your hand on His garment; touch Him by faith.

A TRUE CASE

While pastoring in Pennsylvania many years ago, I became pastor of one of the dearest Christian mothers I ever met. It will be a great meeting



Rev. R. R. Seyda

when we all get to heaven and see again these happy holy saints of such great experiences.

This sister's lot was one of many trials, one of real cross-bearing. Her husband, then unsaved, brought her much sorrow and heartache. Drink had ruined him, brought poverty into the home—no love, no bread, no clothes, no home; nothing but sin, shame, sorrow and hell. Death had been a regular caller at the home, as oft as you have fingers on your hands, until the large family had been reduced to a lonely mother and three children. So severe was her grief that it turned her black hair white overnight.

But one night this sinner man got to God. It happened this way. After he had beaten his wife, he made his way down the streets into a hall, which at one time had been a barroom, but had at this time been changed from a beer house to a holiness mission. Thank God for these holiness people who opened the house

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Christ Bore Our Sicknesses

By Lenora Lowry

Matt. 8:16, 17, "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

Many of God's people suffer needlessly because they have not been taught divine healing. Others who have been told, do not understand how to trust the Lord for their healing because they do not know how He provided for it. They do not realize that He bore their sicknesses as well as their sins. I want it understood that I think doctors are doing a very commendable work and should be well respected the same as any others who devote their lives to the benefit of humanity. They sacrifice in consideration of others, save lives, and relieve the suffering. I believe God gave them their talent and without Him they could do nothing. Their treatments, surgical operations, and medicines could do no good without the healing process provided by nature, which comes from God. I hope to help you understand by the scripture verses written in this article, that God has provided a different and better way for the healing of His own people. The question is asked, "Why did God give this talent to doctors and supply the medicines to be used?" My answer would be, "For the benefit of weak Christians who do not know how to trust Christ for their healing, and for sinners who do not know God, or of His provisions for soul and body."

The love and mercy of God is great. He causes the rain to come down and the sun to shine upon the wicked as well as the righteous. All good things come from God, and He has made many provisions for the unrighteous.

Some say the gift of healing, of which we read in 1 Cor. 12:9, 28, means the talent which doctors have. Notice, that the gift is numbered among the nine gifts given by the Holy Spirit, and

that it is set in the church by God. The scriptures should be our source of information and not just man's reasoning. We see, then, that the gift of healing has the distinction of being set in the church, but all doctors are not in the church. Also notice how this gift was used by the disciples of Christ, Acts 3:6-8; 9:32-34; 14:8-10; Mark 6:13. This was the type of healing for which Christ suffered. It was not necessary that He should receive stripes on His back so that doctors could learn how to treat the sick. Many accept the fact that Christ bore their sins, and trust Him with them, and though it is written that He bore their sicknesses, they do not trust Him with them. We read in Isa. 53:5, also 1 Peter 2:24, that He suffered on the cross for our sins, and suffered stripes on His back for our healing. Some say that means healing for our souls, but we read in Matt. 8:17, that He bare our sicknesses; Psalm 103:3, He "forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases"; James 5:14, 15, that if we are sick we should send for the elders of the church to pray for us and the Lord shall raise us up. Are we to believe that Christ went through that extra suffering in vain? Should we not accept the benefit of that for which He was so cruelly tortured? If we can believe that He bore our sins, can we not also believe that He bore our sicknesses when it is written in the Bible equally as plain?

Someone said that people had to be healed through prayer in those days because they didn't have physicians, but we read in 2 Chronicles 16:12 where Asa, king of Judah, was diseased in his feet and sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians, and he died.

Matt. 10:1 reads that Christ gave to His twelve disciples power to heal all sickness and disease. We read of the miraculous healings which they did in the name of Jesus. Some believe the power was only for those particular disciples, but we read in Luke 10:1-9 that He sent forth seventy more with the same power, and in Mark 16:17, 18

that believers would also heal the sick.

Knowing that the gift is set in the church, and the church is still in existence, also that believers would be able to heal the sick, and believers are still in existence, should we not expect divine healing to be manifest among God's people?

We not only have the Bible and historical record of this accomplishment, but also living witnesses of it today.

You may have read an article in the newspaper written with the intent to ridicule trust in divine healing, such as: A certain person died lacking medical care, having only prayer. However, you never read in the newspaper that many die, having only the care of a physician, and failing to obey the Bible according to James 5:14, 15 to call for the elders of the church to pray that the Lord may heal them. Why did Christ bare our sicknesses if we are not to trust Him with them? Should we ignore that part of His suffering?

The world wants to know why, if this is true, they don't see it accomplished oftener. They do not study the Word of God nor mingle among His people in the house of worship. Therefore, they are in darkness concerning these things. Sometimes affliction is allowed that God may receive glory from it. John 9:1-3, "And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him."

Psalms 34:19, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." One reason divine healing is not manifest in a greater way is because of unbelief, and sometimes it requires prayer with fasting. Read Matt. 17:15-21.

Unbelief is hindering the blessings of God, and His people suffer because of it. Christians, we must continue in prayer and consecration and become wholly yielded to the Lord so that His works may be manifest in a greater way among us. We must get to the place in Him, that through us He may show forth His great works, His mercy and love toward mankind. It will mean the salvation of souls, healing of suffering bodies, Christians edified, and great praise and glory given to the name of the Lord.



An Ambassador for Christ

By Rev. Alonzo Hall

After consulting the book compiled by Mr. Webster and his associates, I learned that an ambassador means an accredited representative of a sovereign or state at the court of another; a representative or agent of another charged with a special mission.

Text: Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Current topics of the day will prove to us just how heated a discussion can become over the appointment of a political ambassador. As soon as the name of the individual is made known to the public, the forces of opposition set up machinery with which to discredit his character. I have no desire at this point to discuss political issues, but to place special emphasis on the fact that the children of God have important missions to perform in the present world. If we remain true to the cause of Christ, we shall be permitted to gather around that supreme peace table, with no one to contest our position, because that famous choir will echo down the halls of time, "Redeemed, redeemed, by the blood of the Lamb." An important factor in the

life of the potential servant of God is to give serious consideration to the following verse of scripture.

Ecclesiastes 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

My second subdivision will deal with where we are to serve God. The story is told of two coal dealers talking after one had been converted. The second asked that since he had become converted who would weigh the coal. The obvious reply to such a question is that if a man cannot praise the God of the universe for His many blessings while the needle of the scales goes to the proper point indicating the right weight, the man must have the courage to find another position. Matthew 16:26, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

The third division dealing with the subject is, "To what degree should we be servants of God?" After hearing a sermon on the second coming of Christ, good Queen Elizabeth was quoted as saying, "If Jesus were alive

today, I would place my crown at His feet." No doubt the queen meant well when she made this statement, but she failed to realize then, as many do now, that we have the privilege of repeating those famous words recorded in Acts 3:6, "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

In order to make my position clear to the reader, I add the following lines. It has never been my good fortune to have the strength of Samson, or the wisdom of Solomon. For years I have lived as a blind person and every field of endeavor has had its share of difficulties. The last school I attended was our church school located at Sevierville, Tennessee. This school, in the strictest sense of the word, is a great institution, worthy of our support. For the maximum utilization of resources at our disposal, I beg the indigent poor, sick, and discouraged to consider the following scripture. Ecclesiastes 9:10, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

COUPONS ARE VALUABLE TO THE ORPHANAGE!!!

Money received for coupons from July 31, 1946, to January 31, 1947, as shown by states in their order.

STATES	AMOUNT
Alabama	\$581.08
North Carolina	517.97
West Virginia	461.59
Virginia	247.09
South Carolina	219.61
Louisiana	130.75
Tennessee	125.45
Georgia	122.14
Florida	92.37
Mississippi	68.91
Maryland	65.49
Kentucky	60.88
Pennsylvania	19.06

Washington, D. C.	7.14
Delaware	6.24
Nebraska	3.93
Maine	3.46
Texas	3.01
Michigan	2.23
Ohio	1.76
Arkansas	1.63
North Dakota	1.01
Iowa	.95
Missouri	.41
Illinois	.14
New Jersey	.14
Rhode Island	.12
South Dakota	.05
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,744.61

This will give all workers on the field an idea of what they have accomplished and what can be done

with little things when there is ORGANIZED EFFORT ON THE ASSEMBLY LINE. This is a small item, possibly some may think or say, but after all, \$2,744.61 is not such a small item to obtain so easily.

You will notice the four leading states sent in almost two-thirds of this amount, and left six of our best states, for coupons—South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana and Kentucky—with the less fortunate group; less fortunate because coupons are not found alike in all states. Notice, some of the unfortunate have done a great work and forged ahead of all their past records. All in all, this has been an

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The above heading and quotation were taken from the book "Evidence on Christianity and Evolution," written by the devil-inspired author Dr. T. De Vries. His hundreds of statements against the reality of God, heaven, hell, and even the Holy Ghost, makes him a **BLASPHEMER** of top rank and enemy No. 1 of Christianity. To Dr. De Vries, "HELL" and a place where there shall be "weeping and gnashing of teeth" is just the invention of man, a money-collecting idea, a childish imagination of the brain; no, not even **REASONABLE**, but an unbelievable abuse of reason. The reader can readily see in the above quotation, that old serpent attitude as he pours his venom forth in mockery and ridicule against the teachings of the man Jesus Christ. It was the Lord Jesus Christ who gave us our greatest teachings on the subject of **HELL**.

De Vries and hundreds of his like-minded associates, or the "no-hell-ites," have, from time to time, made bold, public, and flagrant attacks against the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ, by the printing of books and spreading of literature. The agnostic, atheist, and all other kinsmen combined have not been able to cope with the intelligent, sane, and provable teaching of the Son of God. His teachings have passed every scientific test imaginable. The wise men of every age, from every branch and field of learning, have put the acid test on the **WORD** and **TEACHINGS** of Jesus; but after all is written, said, and done, His teachings are the more believed and better understood.

I wish, in this article, to analyze a portion of the quotation of De Vries' concerning **HELL**, a place **WHERE THERE IS WEEPING** and **GNASHING OF TEETH**. It will be treated in the following manner:

1. IS A PLACE OF PUNISHMENT REASONABLE AND JUST?
2. HELL PROVED BY NATURE.
3. THE SUN IS HEAT AND HELL.
4. HISTORICAL EXAMPLES SET FORTH—SODOM AND GOMORRAH.
5. HELL'S CITIZENRY.
6. REPENT OR PERISH.

1—IS A PLACE OF PUNISHMENT REASONABLE AND JUST?

Human government and discipline reveals the justice of a place of punishment. Instead of asking the question, "Is a place of punishment reasonable and just?" we could ask, "Is it right and just to have a jail or a penitentiary?" Men must be governed

"Where There Is Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth"

By
Clifford Jenkerson



or they will kill, rob, and destroy the human race. Therefore, the federal government, state government, county or parish, and city government all "reason" that it is right and just to punish criminals, so we have scattered over these United States of ours thousands of prisons, such as federal penitentiaries, state prisons, work farms, county jails, and small town or city jails, all **PREPARED** and built for the same purpose—to punish and make criminals suffer for sins or trespasses against human laws. Now, if men can have laws and punish one another for trespassing them, why limit the God of all creation and destroy His right to do the same? God did not build or **PREPARE** the prison house of **HELL** to punish human beings, but we are told in Matthew's Gospel that "hell was **PREPARED** for the devil and his angels." However, since man sided with the devil and began to worship him and his devices, and went against every known law of God Almighty, God sentenced man to serve time and to be punished in this prison of hell. Dr. De Vries, in speaking of hell, says, "What an unbelievable abuse of reason." Why excuse ourselves and try to do away with hell simply because we don't want to go there? Would it not be just as reasonable to excuse all criminals and do away with places of punishment, like jails and penitentiaries?

Let us consider the laws of nature. If we unnecessarily expose our frail bodies to cruel and harsh treatment, we shall suffer the consequences. The man who gets drunk and lies around on the cold, wet ground will suffer sickness. He is punished because he

disregards the laws of nature. His good common sense and reason tells him he will suffer, but he overruns the advice of reason and gets punished. I tell you, it is no abuse of reason to have a place of punishment, because even **NATURE** teaches the justice of it. Did not Paul say, in 1 Cor. 11:14, "Doth not even **NATURE** itself **TEACH YOU**?" I believe I can prove in this sermon that **NATURE** teaches the doctrine of hell. Yes, indeed, God is justified in **PREPARING** a **HELL** to punish a disobedient creation, as much so as you are in punishing your own children, or criminals by sentencing them to prison for life. Hear what the Psalmist David had to say about the things of nature. **Psa. 148:8**, "Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word."

2—HELL PROVED BY NATURE

The Bible speaks of "a lake of fire." The Bible also speaks of hell being downward and, in Revelation, we are told that the bottomless pit is inside the earth. Now, searching in nature, do we find anything today that would give us consistent reasoning as to the Bible idea of hell? I think we do. Paul said, "Doth not even nature itself **TEACH YOU**?"

In the university textbook, "The World of Science," written by F. Sherwood Taylor, Ph.D., B. Sc., he gives us a bit of interesting information about some of the world's greatest craters or natural lakes of fire. If it is possible to have lakes of fire today on this earth, especially when we know their source of burning is coming from inside this earth, then that helps us to see that

"What a horrible, cruel, unbelievable abuse of reason and by evolution to man! What a fate **HELL** and then to tell people they pay the price in meekness."

Weeping ing of Teeth"

e, cruel, heartless invention of man! What an un-
f reason and ingenuity, the highest privilege given
n! What a depravity in the form of piety! To cre-
n to tell people that they can be saved from it, if
in meekness and in money!"—Dr. T. De Vries.

God Almighty knows what He is talking about in the Bible when He speaks of a lake of fire, and that there is a place of torment inside this earth. These natural lakes of fire are caused by volcanos exploding and creating tremendous fire lakes. These men of science tell us that the inside of this earth is nothing more than a molten mass of liquid fire, and that this burning has been going on continuously for many, many centuries.

To give you a vivid picture, let us use the exact words of an eyewitness to the volcanic crater of Kilauea in Hawaii. He says, "The great cauldron, over one-half mile in diameter, is ringed with vertical cliffs of black basalt. Some hundred feet or so below me the molten basalt churned and boiled. At one time I counted over twenty 'fire-fountains' caused by the explosive force of the issuing gases. . . which hurled up pillars of molten rock to a height of a hundred feet or more. While I watched (three hours), the whole vast surface of the molten lake steadily fell—being some forty or fifty feet lower at the end of my vigil than it had been at the beginning. And all the time the seething movements of its surface, and the leaping of its fire-fountains, were accompanied by an indescribable, dull, droning roar, which I can liken to nothing else that I have ever heard."

Hell is spoken of as enlarging itself, and could not this be explained by the eruptions, etc.? I do not say this is the cause, but am only suggesting the question for your debate, pointing you to the scripture, "Doth not even NATURE itself teach you?" The possibility of a burning lake of fire is here

proven. Certainly, all questions as to the duration of hell should be erased. We cannot see hell, but Romans 1:20-22 warns us that "the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made . . . so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." Do not be foolish, Mr. No-Hell-ite. Even NATURE argues against your theory.

3—THE SUN'S HEAT AND HELL

The sun, the center of our solar system, is a small star. Its diameter is 864,000 miles, which is 109 times the diameter of the earth.

The sun is probably so hot that it is all liquid or gas. The outside is revealed to us as a sea of scorching flame, far hotter than any furnace.

In a total eclipse, when the moon blots out the actual surface of the sun, there stand out fiery red tongues of flame, sometimes as much as half a million miles high and streaming up at three hundred miles a second.

The energy radiated by the sun is enormous. Every square inch emits enough energy to run a fifty horsepower engine continuously. The whole sun throws off into space energy at the rate of 50,000,000,000,000,000,000 h.p., of which our earth succeeds in capturing 250,000,000,000,000. If we could utilize the sunshine which falls on the Sahara alone, the world would need no other source of power.

It is hard for our finite minds to comprehend a temperature of 20,000,000 C., but science has calculated this figure for the sun's center; our highest earthly temperature has reached 4,000 C. Now science cannot explain from where all this lavish flood of energy comes. However, the particular point of interest to me is the astonishing fact that this burning, flaming, raging fire has been going for hundreds of thousands of years, and continues forever and eternally to collect material on which to burn. It must of necessity be a proven fact that the sun's source of energy is supplied by its own burning through some process of changing the atoms. Anyway, however complicated this interesting fact is, it has given to us one of our strongest points of proof for the possibility of a hell of everlasting fire, eternal fire, and furnace

of fire. Thus, you see how absurd it is to say that the possibility of an everlasting fire is impossible. Could it not be possible that hell's source of energy will be supplied in like manner as that of the sun? I say that it is possible, and that it is REASONABLE. Yet, Dr. De Vries and thousands of other no-hell-ites claim this is an "abuse of reason." The truth of the fact of the duration of hell-fire is well proven in the example of the sun's heat and burning continually without cooling or getting hotter, either. There is certainly no conflict between the statements of the Bible and true science. "Come now, and let us REASON together, saith the Lord." My friend, it is either REPENT or PERISH. I warn you today of an "everlasting lake which burneth with fire and brimstone," and "WHERE THERE IS WEEPING AND GNASING OF TEETH."

4—SODOM AND GOMORRAH—SET FORTH FOR EXAMPLES

God, in the history of the human race, has set forth, from time to time, EXAMPLES of His displeasure of sin, and of its cancerous effect upon the lives of individuals. The record reveals EXAMPLES of nations such as Egypt; of cities such as Sodom and Gomorrah; of individuals such as Judas, Pharaoh, Ananias, and Sapphira. The Bible gives one outstanding example after another. Perhaps, you can recall many EXAMPLES of horrible deaths and happenings within your own community. God, knowing the hearts and ways of certain people, uses them for EXAMPLES or lets them serve as EXAMPLES to warn others against sin, and to keep people out of hell. In Proverbs the third chapter, we are told that God turns some over to "eat of the fruit of their own ways, and to be filled with their own devices." This is true, even today. As sure as God warned the Pharisees and the Sadducees to "FLEE FROM THE WRATH TO COME," He is giving this generation daily EXAMPLES, trying to warn us that sin will ruin our lives and bring suffering and judgment upon us.

My friend, God's great signboards are flashing the red lights of DANGER and pleading for this generation to stop and seek the Lord Jesus Christ, yet millions are going heedlessly to hell. Pharaoh's continued rebellion class for an eternity. Yes, eternal death, sickness, and sorrow will be
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J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary



MANY HAVE RECEIVED JESUS IN PANAMA

After laboring many years in the cities, towns, and villages, the Lord has called us to the interior of Panama. Our last meeting with the dear ones with whom we have labored will never be forgotten. The memories still linger in our hearts. Many tears were shed among English and Spanish-speaking people.

With great difficulty we procured a truck to take our furniture. We left Panama City Friday, February 28, to take a journey of 328 miles on bad roads. Our bus arrived at David on Saturday at 10 o'clock in the morning. Dirty, hungry, and tired, we rested for awhile and then were off again. We arrived at La Concepcion at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The home that was offered to us there was not suitable. Our furniture would surely break down the stairs which were infested by ants. The shadows of evening made their appearance, but still no house in which to stay. The children began to be uneasy. A little later we came into contact with a schoolteacher, who was very kind to us in helping us look for a house, but we failed. We met another kind lady who directed us to another house, but there was no key with which to enter. One kind soul offered her quarters, but only half of our furniture would go in her small rooms. We didn't know what to do. The Lord came to our rescue. We came into contact with a nurse from the Sanitary Department, who had a house but was expecting some people from Panama to rent it. She stated that if they did not come, the house would be ours. We asked her if she could send a telegram very soon and let us know when the house was to be occupied, also if we might put our furniture there until she heard. She said we could put our furniture in. I said, "Lord, if the furniture gets in there, it will never come out. Amen." In the meantime

our furniture had arrived and it was already night.

We hurried to the house and met the nurse and the doctor, also from the Sanitary Department. "You are walking in luck," said the nurse. "The house is yours. I just received a message from Panama stating I could rent the house."

Praise God, we have a God that is worthy of trusting! In the darkest hour, His hands are open to help us. Praise His name forever.

We are here in La Concepcion, Chiriqui, and God has blessed our services. Many have received Jesus as their Savior. One of our problems is where to put the people. We are having services at our home but are hoping to get a place soon, by God's help. Pray for us.

In the Master's service,
Bolívar DeSouza
Calle Central No. 4
La Concepcion, Provincia de
Chiriqui
Panama, Rep. de Panama

THIS IS HOW YOU CAN HELP

We have been receiving many inquiries as to how one may send packages to stricken peoples in Europe. We are happy to tell you how you can help. A nonprofit organization called CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe) makes it possible to send boxes of food, clothing, and blankets, to the peoples of Europe. There are three types of boxes that may be sent.

The CARE woolen package contains 3½ yards of all-wool 56 to 58 inch material (enough to make a suit or coat for an adult, or 2 suits for children), with linings, thread, buttons, needles, and thimble.

The CARE food package includes braised beef, liver loaf, corned beef, shortening, sugar, dried apricots and prunes, flour, coffee, chocolate, dry whole milk powder, dry egg powder,

yeast, and soap—21.37 pounds of freshly packed food, a total of 40,963 calories.

The CARE blanket package consists of two all-virgin wool blankets, 1 pair each soles and heels for men's and women's shoes, also scissors, pins, needles, thread and darning cotton, thimble and comb.

The price of CARE packages is \$10 each, delivery guaranteed, free of duty, tax and ration regulations.

Herbert Hoover, who recently returned from Europe, expressed his views concerning CARE's work thus:

"... I have had the opportunity to see its operation on the ground. The service is the only sure and efficient way of sending packages to friends and relatives in Europe. The great volume of over 100,000 packages a month to Germany, and over 30,000 a month to Austria, is an important contribution to their food supply. These packages have contained enough food to supplement the government ration of a family of five up to an endurable level for over three weeks. Anyone who wishes to serve friends, relatives or institutions in the countries served by CARE, now has a sure and certain way. In fact, there is no other way where there is real certainty that such packages will reach their destination."

If you are interested in sending some of these packages to our missionaries or workers in Germany, Greece, or Rumania, you may send \$10 for each box, and the name of the country or the person to which you wish the package to be sent. We are sure that these hunger-stricken peoples would appreciate your kindness. As Christians, we must do our part, though small, in helping to relieve the suffering of our fellow men. Please send all correspondence concerning CARE packages to the Foreign Missions Department.

NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Dear Brother Brinsfield:

Greetings in Jesus' name from the Philippine Islands. I am glad to report victory. Truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few. We are the only Church of God missionaries here. God is with us; our work is progressing, and many souls are being added to the Church.

We now have four churches and about 200 members. Our Sunday Schools are growing and at San Nicolas last Sunday the attendance was seventy-four. Our expectations are great. All four churches report an in-

crease in attendance. To God be the glory.

There is not only an increase in Sunday School, but our church here was crowded in the evening service. Some of the people came many miles to hear the gospel preached. One girl just begged us to come to her town and would not go home until we promised her we would come.

Not only are souls being added to the church but God is healing the sick. One precious woman lay sick with the fever for a long time, and was getting worse. We happened to be near her home conducting a meeting, and she heard the singing and the preaching. We were called and prayed for her and God healed her so that she could stand up. The following Sunday she came to church to testify of her healing. Now she attends regularly and says the sickness is gone. Praise the Lord!

Your missionary,
Frank Porada,
San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte,
Philippine Islands.

COUPONS ARE VALUABLE

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exceptionally fine drive and has surprised many of us, including, I think, our premium company officials. Our bonus this time amounted to \$374.64 and is included in the above sum. It remains to be seen who will be in the lead at the end of this drive we are now entering. Leaders, you had better watch the above named six states. They usually show their colors in warm weather, and summer is just around the corner.

We have not received, as yet, our final terms from Colgate-Palmolive-Pete Company on the next drive. However, we have been informed that we will be working on a percentage basis and will be gathering coupons from the same fine products: OCTAGON SOAP, KIRKMAN SOAP, OBE-LISK FLOUR, HEARTH CLUB BAKING POWDER, RUMFORD BAKING POWDER, MRS. FILBERT'S MARGARINE, JERSEY CEREALS, AND BORDEN'S SILVER COW EVAPORATED MILK. Many of these products have been off the market during the past two or three years, but are now flowing again. Let us muster our forces and make this the greatest drive yet.

ORGANIZED LEADERSHIP on the field has proved to be the SECRET

of piling up great quantities of valuable coupons. Some such leadership has almost brought the impossible to pass.

Remember, our bonus is figured on a percentage basis. The more we get, the larger the bonus.

We now have a quantity of coupons on which to start. Keep sending them in and we will keep rolling them on.
THE CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE
J. A. Muncy, Superintendent.

COVER PICTURE

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ing will cost approximately \$15,000, making an addition of eleven rooms to our Sunday School plant. Then we will be able to accommodate seven hundred in Sunday School, and we believe we will reach the goal when the rooms are available.

The Church of God program has been on the radio here in Atlanta for the past nine years. These programs have had to be paid by the church and friends who are interested in this type of work. In February, Mr. John Fulton, general manager of WGST, the CBS station here, called me to his office and, after a lengthy conversation, informed me that he was going to give the Hemphill Church of God a broadcast on his station every Sunday morning, thirty minutes free of cost, 9-9:30, EST. You can imagine how I felt after four years and a half of continual asking and raising money anyway that I could, to support this cause, and then to have a man offer me, on one of the larger stations here, a program free. The church joined me in rejoicing for the great accomplishment of our church work in Radio Broadcast in Atlanta.

The LeFevres have proved a great blessing to our church since they have been in the city. They are broadcasting on this same station, also singing in our church services. God is giving us a great blessing and we are working together, accomplishing that which we feel Christ would be pleased for us to do, by the help of the general public and the church here.

The Hemphill Avenue church in Atlanta is the mother church of eight other churches and missions, making a total of ten churches and missions now going in this great city. We have our goal set for twelve and believe God will give them to us by mid-summer. Space will not permit my writing of the many wonderful things

God is doing for us here, but we do covet your prayers that He will give us the greatest year this church has ever witnessed. — Sincerely, A. M. Phillips, pastor.

DEATHS

MEARES

On March 10, 1947, Richard Meares was called home to be with Jesus. Brother Meares was born March 5, 1885, and became a member of the Church of God in 1909, and was ordained a deacon in 1912. He was a staunch Christian and one of the most influential and active members of the Largo Church of God, having served as clerk for many years. His courtesy and kindness made him countless friends who feel his passing deeply.—Rev. A. Austin.

PIGG

Death has claimed another one of our faithful warriors, Brother P. W. Pigg, on March 23, 1947. He was sixty-two years old, and had been a Christian since he was fourteen, or forty-eight years. He received the Holy Ghost and came into the Church of God eight years ago. We miss him here, but our loss is heaven's gain.—Rev. Robert A. White, his pastor.

SMITH

Mrs. Rosa Alice Smith, of Adairsville, Ga., went to be with Jesus February 27, 1947, at the age of fifty-eight years. She trusted God for both soul and body to the end. Sister Smith was a faithful member of the Church of God for nineteen years. May God bless her husband and children.—Rev. J. E. Williamson, pastor, Shannon, Ga.

STEIDEL

Sister Selma Steidel, age eighty-seven years and seven months, went to be with Jesus March 10, 1947. She was a faithful and loyal member of the Church of God at Edinburg, Texas.—Rev. W. W. Smethers, her pastor.

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REQUESTS... for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

A very urgent request, that God will have mercy on our home and change it; my mother to regain her health and start going to church. This is very important to each of us.—A reader.

My daughter's husband and my son's wife to be saved; also my children; me, both in soul and body.—Mrs. Bartha Sisk, Cherry Valley, Ark.

Me to be healed of indigestion and neuralgia.—Mrs. Emma Ross, Roderfield, W. Va.

My daughter to be healed of asthma; my family to be saved.—Mrs. G. D. Whittaker, Donaldsonville, Ga.

My son-in-law, who came home from the army drinking quite a bit and goes away and leaves his wife, to be saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and their home from being broken up.—Sister Maggie Cop, Parton, Ind.

Healing for Josh Wallace, who has T. B.—Bertha Cobb, Washington, N. C.

My husband, who is a drunkard. Pray until God gives the assurance of saving his soul. The Lord only knows how it has been with us.—Mrs. Rayford Long, Cardis, Ga.

My wife, who is suffering with cancer of the stomach.—Roy Parker, Searcy, Ark.

My mother, who has had a stroke and is paralyzed throughout her right side; a very special unspoken request.—Isabel Cantrell, Valles Mines, Mo.

My boy to be saved; an unspoken request.—Sister Bessie Austin, Albany, Ga.

Healing of my body.—Miss Ada Easler, Chesnee, S. C.

The Lord to heal my body. I need prayer. I have been saved only about a month.—Mrs. James Moore, Pine Knot, Ky.

God to save my husband, bring him back home, and bring our broken home together again; for me and my daughter.

Healing for my body. I suffer so much, but am fully trusting God.—Mrs. J. R. Walker, St. Louis, Mo.

My brother, who is suffering a nervous breakdown; my father, who is in very bad health; another brother to be saved and my loved ones to give their hearts to God; my son, that the will of God may be done in his work.—A friend.

A sister, who is in a very bad condition with a goulder and almost mothers to death; her three children.—Mary Ellen Baker, Pineville, Ky.

God to heal my body.—Solomon Mackey, Jensen, Fla.

Healing of my daughter, who is in a very nervous condition; that the Lord will be with her in a trial she is going through; my husband and two sons to seek the Lord.—Mrs. Nola Sullivan, Urbana, Ill.

My healing of a nervous trouble like neuralgia; my eyes; my loved ones to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Johnnie Balls, Pinetops, N. C.

Our only baby, ten days old, who is in the hospital because of some kind of nervous spells.—Mrs. D. R. Jones, Blacksburg, Va.

Husband and me to be a blessing to the church at Hubball, W. Va., and move on to victory for God; God to heal my husband of the flu.—Mrs. Cecil Spears.

Me to be healed and that I may receive the Holy Ghost; my brother to be saved and his hand healed; my mother and father to receive the Holy Ghost; my sister's family to become interested in holiness; my husband to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Dock Patterson, Sanford, N. C.

My brother, who is seriously ill and isn't saved.—Flossie Wildason, Roswell, N. Mex.

My son, who is a veteran and came home from the army all broken in health; has terrible headaches; his soul.—Mrs. Nettie Garretson, Stephenson, W. Va.

An urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. Mary Passman, Polson, La.

My healing. I have been sick all year and in the hospital three times; my home.—Mrs. Annie Ruth Bragg, Douglasville, Ga.

My healing of a severe hurting in the back of my head, which seems to be getting worse, and I believe it is serious.—Rev. John E. Douglas, Phoenix, Ariz.

Healing for my little grandson, who has had an operation; his parents to be saved.—Mrs. S. E. Gilmer, Union, Miss.

Me, that the Lord will give me some ease,

that He will come and take me home, I have no fear of death but I'll be happy over yonder. I am helpless and have to be moved. I have bed sores.—Bell Powell, Russell Springs, Ky.

God to heal me of T. B. and cancer; my son, who has T. B. and has been kept in for eight months; an unspoken request.—Mrs. J. C. Carr, Silver Point, Tenn.

My son-in-law, who has gall bladder trouble; his soul.—Mrs. L. A. Brinkley, Homerville, Ga.

Rosa Lavery, Madison, N. C., who has lost her husband.

Mrs. Ira Black, Sardis, Ga., to be healed; my father's, sister's, and baby's healing.—Mrs. Lee Bazemore, Sylvania, Ga.

My baby to be healed of a bad infection in his head.

Me to be healed of a very painful trouble.—Rev. C. A. James.

Sister Springer, Poplar Bluff, Mo., who is very sick.—Mrs. E. E. Rhoads.

My healing of low blood, stomach trouble and other ailments, and that I may have a Christian home; my father-in-law to be healed of heart trouble.—Mrs. Katie Keller, Cleveland, Tenn.

My little sister to be healed of T. B. of the bone, she has been in the hospital for two months; three unspoken requests.—Mrs. Margaret Davidson, Hazard, Ky.

My daughter to be healed of a tumor; my healing for head trouble.—Mrs. Annie Anderson, Columbia, S. C.

Healing of my body.—Mrs. W. S. Hall, Colquitt, Ga.

My sister, Ethel Lee Watkins, who is suffering from a very serious ailment; healing for my soul and body and that I may receive the Holy Ghost.—Eddie Mae Black, Eudora, Ark.

God to heal me of rheumatism and pellagra; my sister, who is in a weak, nervous condition; the Lord to save my niece.—Miss Josie Thompson, Palos, Ala.

My son, who once knew the Lord but has started drinking; that the Lord will strengthen me, I am seventy-one years old.—A reader.

A very urgent request; healing for Ellen Messenger; her husband to be saved; an unspoken request.—Mrs. L. W. Davis, Matewan, W. Va.

My boy, who has been in the reformatory about a year and will soon be going before the board.—A reader.

My wife, who suffers with back trouble; also the healing for her mother.—Rev. W. H. Edwards, Virginia.

My husband to be healed of a throat and ear trouble.—Mrs. Hubert Hall, Altha, Fla.

Our pastor, Brother Newton Crider's baby, who is very serious; the Lord to save and heal Odie Crider, who has hemorrhages of the lungs.—A sister in Christ, Seminole, Okla.

A very serious unspoken request.—Mrs. Lannie Wiggins, Ochlochnee, Ga.

My wife, who is suffering with sugar diabetes.—G. S. Scott, Toccoa, Ga.

God to heal me of arthritis of the spine, high blood pressure, heart trouble and a bad eye; my son to be saved from the drink habit; an unspoken request.—A sister, Modesto, Calif.

Our little girl eight years old, who has never been able to walk without crutches; my healing of kidney trouble.—Stella Crites, Petersburg, W. Va.

Complete healing for my body. My loved ones to be healed.—Mamie Peeler, Orlando, Fla.

A very urgent unspoken request.—Eugene McIntyre, Covington, La.

A special unspoken request.—Mrs. Russell C. Vick, Ochlochnee, Ga.

The healing of my father.—Mrs. Vaden Moore, Smithfield, N. C.

My healing of extreme nervousness.—M. E. Sheaby, Columbia, S. C.

Healing for my body, I am badly in need of help.—Minnie B. Darlon, Middlesboro, Ky.

Mrs. Myron Free, who is in the Greenville Hospital, seriously ill with gall bladder trouble.—Her mother, Ruby Beard, Ruleville, Miss.

The Lord to provide a home for me.—Caroline Ross, 3800 Haverford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

A special unspoken request; my husband to be restored to salvation.—Mrs. Albert Williams, Fruithurst, Ala.

My husband and sons to be saved.—Ida Mae Brown, McMinnville, Tenn.

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:: TESTIMONIES ::

I praise our God for His divine healing virtue. I have suffered so much with ulcerated stomach. One day while visiting my sister she was telling about another person getting healed the night before and it seemed heaven swung low and I was made every whit whole. Jesus touched my suffering body. Bless His matchless good name! Brother or sister, whatever your disease may be, Jesus still heals. I hope these words will help someone to have faith in God who knows all our sufferings.—E. L. Qualls, Burdette, Ark.

I thank God for salvation and His wonderful healing power. I suffered four years, smothering and choking with heart trouble and rheumatism until I hardly enjoyed living. One day I believed the Lord would heal me. I heard a voice saying that if I would quit the habit of snuff He would heal me. I did, and began improving, and in a few weeks was completely well. Thank God, it is so wonderful to have someone to go to when medicines fail. You who are suffering, have faith in God, He wants to heal you. Read James 5:14-16.—Mrs. Charlie Stephens, Smyrna, Ga.

Made Able to Walk by Power Divine

I am a boy eighteen years of age. I thank God for His healing power. I was sick for about eighteen months, paralyzed from my waist down for several weeks. The doctors said it was impossible for me to ever walk again. The Lord has undertaken for me and I am well and can walk as well as ever. I also thank the Lord for giving me the Holy Ghost.—Hugh Lee Gillon, Vinemont, Ala.

Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am really glad for Jesus; He is my Savior and my healer. Praise His wonderful name! The Lord so wonderfully healed my little six-year-old boy. He was suffering with much pain in his feet; they were swollen so badly and drawn, several seemed to think he had infantile paralysis, but in a Tuesday night prayer meeting he received healing and is as well as he ever was. Some of our neighbors wonder about his being healed so soon, but God did it, and I give Him all the glory.—Mary Lemaster, Mt. Park, Okla.

God Works in Mysterious Ways

I take this opportunity to thank the Lord for His healing power. I promised God if He would heal our baby, I would praise Him by way of the Evangel. Our baby was very sick three days with fever. I laid the Evangel on him and prayed for God to heal him. I felt completely satisfied that God would heal him. God truly works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. The baby slept all night and awoke without any fever, wanting something to eat. At present I am teaching the young people's class. Pray that I may be a blessing to them; also pray for my husband who is in sin.

Linger near, dear Lord, I pray!
Help me through each passing day,
Always be my loving Guide,
Help me, Lord, in Thee to hide.
Give me words of love to say
To someone along life's way;
Help me, Lord, thy praise to sing,
And to Thee my best gifts bring;
Help me, Lord, to walk upright,
And have favor in thy sight;
Help me, Lord, some souls to win,
Turning them from paths of sin.
When this weary race is run,
Let me hear Thee say, "Well done";
Let me kneel at thy dear feet,
My dear Savior then to greet.

—Mrs. Norma (Breland) Martin,
Newport, Ky.

The Servant Is No Greater Than His Master

I praise God for victory I feel in my soul. I am saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Thank God for the Holy Ghost who makes me able to understand the Word of God. For two weeks I was sick and suffering. God would bless my soul but I didn't seem to get any better. I knew the Word of God was true. I remembered John 14:14, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." If our life measures up to the Word of God, He has promised to hear us in time of trouble.

Sunday morning, I was still sick but felt duty bound to the church and Sunday School class. We had a very good Sunday School lesson. I did my duty before God, then I began to pray.

God came to my rescue and wonderfully healed me. I praise God for His healing power. Saints, when we search the Word of God earnestly for comfort, it is for us.

We are living in a day when His people are persecuted. Read John 15:20, "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep your's also."

In time of trouble and distress, when our cross becomes heavy, we can go to some humble altar and unload our burden. John 15:7, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

Somebody is looking at your life. You are duty bound to God, your pastor, the Church, and that poor lost sinner who is depending on someone to point him to the way of Life. The Word says no man can come unto Him except the Spirit draw him. We are responsible to God.—Ethel Wescott, Geneva, Ala.

I praise God for His wonderful healing power. I had a very bad hernia. I sent requests to Headquarters in Cleveland and to Brother Rouse. I thank all the saints for their prayers and I praise God for every good praying Christian. The doctor says I have no hernia, not even a sign of one. Thank God, Jesus never fails if we trust Him.—W. F. Rains, Middlesboro, Ky.

Jesus the Same Always

A few months ago, I had a heat stroke. It affected my nervous system very badly. I became despondent, as I live alone, and some good neighbors and relatives had to help me.

I have a motto hanging on my wall, which reads, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." I was in great need when one day I decided to pray and trust the Lord to heal me, if it were His will. I promised to testify to my healing, and write a testimony to the Evangel. As I prayed, I looked on the motto, and believing in Him with all my heart, I began to raise myself in bed slowly. The Lord heard me right then, and this trouble never came back on me any more.

I thank the Lord for old time, heartfelt salvation, and for His healing power.—Robert L. Foster, Washington, D. C.

"WHERE THERE IS WEeping AND GNASHING OF TEETH"

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against the Word of the Lord, as given him by God's messengers, brought down upon his own head and upon his own nation the WRATH of God. God set Pharaoh and Egypt forth as **EXAMPLES** to warn the generations to come of the real danger of rebelling against God's message, and the wrong treatment of God's people.

Let us search the Scripture and see what caused God's great anger to be kindled against the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. First, we are told in Gen. 18:20, 21, "And the Lord said, **BECAUSE** the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and **BECAUSE** their **SIN** is very grievous; I will go down now, and see. . ." Again, in Luke's record, we are warned that this great **EXAMPLE** is a last-day **EXAMPLE**, and may be repeated as a type of the Lord Jesus' destruction on this wicked world when He comes. Luke 17:28, 29, "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded: but the **SAME DAY** that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all." God, my friend, hear me, visited Sodom and Gomorrah while life was going on normally and while the sun was yet shining. God Almighty simply turned on the fireworks from above. Destruction may be yours while life is going normally and while your sun is still shining. To be sure, death is sudden many times. In Sodom that day, people, no doubt, began to run, screaming and crying and seeking shelter, but fire and brimstone kept falling. Lot's worldly wife looked back, lusting after material substance, or friends, and she was counted out. The archaeologists have evidence that the population of these cities ended abruptly about 2000 B. C.

We are told by Jude that, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are **SET FORTH FOR AN EXAMPLE**, suffering the vengeance of **ETERNAL FIRE**." Yes, take it from Jude that that rain of fire and brimstone never stopped burning their wicked souls. Tonight, the inhabitants of those cities are still suffering, for Jude said it was "**ETERNAL FIRE**." That simply means that God let them sink

into the lower abyss of hell because of their sin. Some think these cities are buried in the bottom of the Dead Sea, and it could be true of their material substance, but their souls are in the bottom of hell. I would that you could hear their cry and the "gnashing of their teeth" now. Some of you are going the way of the Sodomites. Hell is your portion and eternal death is your doom. Wake up, sinner, can't you see God's hand ruling in the kingdom of men? Do you want to be turned over to eat of the fruit of your own ways and be an **EXAMPLE** of God's great displeasure with sin and sinners? Remember Lot's wife. Remember, you too have been called from your state or city of wickedness and sin, so looking back to material gains and worldly pleasures or friends may seal your doom.

"Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things' sake the **WRATH OF GOD** cometh on the children of disobedience," Col. 3:5, 6.

5—HELL'S CITIZENRY

People often get excited and horrified when news is published of a notorious criminal or murderer ravishing the community. Perhaps the headlines of the newspaper tell the animating story of a woman's torso found floating on a near-by lake, with legs and arms found under shrubbery across town, or hidden in a cold damp basement of an apartment. In another day or so, more exciting news of a young girl's body found cut to pieces. Fear! Real fear! People are afraid to turn off their lights at night, and all doors are bolted and locked.

Every precaution is taken and all citizens are on the alert. Listen to me, did you ever think of hell's citizenry or population? Hell will be populated with every maniac, murderer, sex-criminal, blasphemer, thief, robber, fornicator, adulterer, liar and warmonger that ever lived in this world and **DID NOT REPENT**. In hell there will be **LIARS** of all sorts and kinds.

Let us lift the curtain and look upon one scene in hell. There, for example, is John Doe. Perhaps this could be a picture of you, dear sinner, if you fail to repent. I see through the eye of my imagination, a poor, thirsty, diseased, pale-faced, and sickly young man struggling along. He is wandering, wandering, just wandering, through the awful smoke of the abyss of a burning lake of fire and brimstone, surrounded by outer darkness. He is groaning and crying and gnashing his teeth to ease the ever-increasing thirst and pain. At last, he encounters another spirited being, who likewise is suffering, and they relate to each other their sufferings and woes. But, unaware of this being a **LYING** spirited being, John Doe is told of beautiful lakes of pure water and streams never ending, just over the mountain of volcanic sulphur. John Doe goes wandering on, wading the brimstone and burning, in hopes of quenching his raging thirst, only to find that he has been the victim of a Lying spirited being. No doubt, in hell deceivers will deceive and be deceived. Liars will lie and keep lying. The filthy will be filthy still. Hitler will be there, with all his army of murderers. Tojo will be there. The drunkard will be there. If you go to hell, you will keep company with this hated

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class for an eternity. Yes, eternal death, sickness, and sorrow will be your lot. The fearful feelings and experiences we have had in this life will be nothing compared to hell's horrors and fears.

6—REPENT OR PERISH

There are many theologians splitting hairs over the question as to what it is going to take to make the rapture. I do not propose to answer this debatable question to the satisfaction of everyone, but this one thing I know, that REPENTANCE will keep a soul out of hell, and I believe anything that enables a man to escape hell will qualify him for heaven. At least, in the case of the rich man who went to hell, and is still there suffering, his sorrowing prayer reveals this fact. Hear the words of his prayer in Luke 16:17-30, "... I pray ... send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. ... Nay, father Abraham; but if one went unto them from the dead, THEY WILL REPENT." Yes, indeed, it is either REPENT or PERISH. 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should PERISH, but that all should come to REPENTANCE."

Suppose, lost sinner, you should die tonight! Where do you suppose your soul would go immediately? I say, to a place of torment. Perhaps to the same place the rich man went and where he has been suffering all these years. Tonight, it is possible for you to wake up in hell, screaming, gnashing your teeth for pain, praying, crying, and pleading for relief. At last, death, hell, the sea, and graves will all give up their dead which are in them, and together will be cast into the "lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." You can escape hell and make heaven. 2 Cor. 7:10, "For godly sorrow worketh REPENTANCE to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." Indeed, if you have a GODLY SORROW for sins committed, this sorrow will lead you to real salvation in Christ Jesus. 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Sinner, can you answer the question asked in that wonderful old altar song, "WHY NOT TONIGHT?" WHY? WHY?

You will answer that question before the blazing judgment bar of God. Do you have an excuse God would justify? I am afraid you do not. Come tonight for it is REPENT or PERISH.

GOD'S HEALING CHRIST FOR THIS SIN-SICK WORLD

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to holiness preaching. Well, it was so that Dan stumbled into this mission house and there that night touched God. Oh, the love and joy that came to him in experience that night of sins forgiven! Dan got saved, really saved! He touched the healing hem of God's healing Christ. Friend, you, too, can touch Christ now for the need of your sin-sick soul. Would you be healed body, soul and spirit? Jesus is your answer. There were never truer words spoken than these—what the world needs is Jesus. Yes, you and I, all of us, need Jesus. Come to Him, while He is passing this way. Reach out, touch Him, and be made whole. Won't you do as Dan did and touch Christ? While you read these lines, touch Christ by faith and be healed from the habit of sin and shame healed for heaven. You have a hell to shun and a heaven to gain. Pray now. Are you a sinner? He can heal you with healing divine, both soul and body. Jesus can heal you. Trust Him just now and see how happy you will be, the joy you will have, the salvation you will enjoy in Christ your healer, Savior, and coming King. Step over on God's side. Cross over the line, the deciding line, for God. Amen.

CHARITY

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that were there before the buildings were erected. This is why Charity loves the truth so—truth is eternal, and will live as long as God lives. Charity never meets the truth, for it is always going the same way. Truth is one thing that cannot be improved upon.

The truthful prophet is not always loved. Ahab said, "I hate Micalah. He never says anything about me." In other words, "He won't lie for me." But I see Zedekiah make himself some long iron horns and put on a great demonstration of how Ahab was going to push down Syria, and all the lying prophets agreed and tried to persuade Micalah to join with them, but Micalah said, "What the Lord saith unto me (which is always the truth) that will I speak." NOW PREACHERS, LET'S CONFESS UP A LITTLE. Haven't we put on a great demonstration over things when we were not certain it was truth? It is better to have truth without demonstration, than demonstration without truth. Zedekiah's demonstration failed, but Micalah's truth prevailed. Read all of 1 Kings 22. Charity will stop your ears from itching for flattery, fables and entertainment, and make your heart hunger and thirst for the truth. In closing, let me ask this question. Do you despise the truth for the same reason a fat woman despises the scales? or vice versa?

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